

# Ready: Whenever. Wherever.

## What is “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.”?

- “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.” is a public service campaign which encourages Hoosiers to practice reasonable awareness and develop a plan for action in the event of an emergency.
- The “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.” campaign is a continuation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s “See Something, Say Something” campaign, which asks the public to be on the lookout for perpetrators of violent behavior and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.
- The “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.” campaign recognizes that violent acts and dangerous events can occur anywhere, anytime — often with little to no warning. With increased security concerns at the local, state and national levels, IDHS is encouraging Hoosiers to be ready.

## What does this mean for everyday life?

- The “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.” approach asks Hoosiers to pause and consider potential safety risks in their surroundings and to identify possible actions they could take to increase their personal safety in the event of an emergency.
- IDHS encourages Hoosiers, according to their comfort level, to continue to attend and participate in the activities they and their families enjoy, just with a heightened awareness for personal and family safety.

## What specific actions should be taken?

- For example, Hoosiers should:
  - Think about different scenarios that could be encountered in public settings.
  - Consider what defensive actions would be appropriate for oneself and one’s family.
  - Mentally or actively rehearse actions.
  - Identify the emergency exits and safety barriers upon entering a building.
  - Maintain awareness of other people and developing situations in the surrounding area.
  - Arrange ahead of time where to meet family and loved ones in case of emergency.
- IDHS also encourages Indiana residents to consider what “Ready: Whenever. Wherever.” Looks like in their homes and communities by talking with family, friends and work colleagues.

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